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CIA FIRES 2 FOR 'ENDANGERING' UNIT

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CIA director Stansfield Turner has forced the resignation of two agency employees for "endangering" the organization with unauthorized activities, a spokesman said today.

Turner, who took over as CIA director two months ago, said in a statement "there is no suggestion of a conspiracy" in the activities of two employees in assisting former CIA agents in "unauthorized activity (which) cannot and will not be tolerated."

The statement did not identify the two employees who were described by the spokesman as "not super-

grades," nor were any details supplied on the nature of their actions.

Notice of Turner's action was posted on bulletin boards of the CIA headquarters yesterday and the CIA director arranged to address CIA personnel at agency headquarters today to explain his action.

TURNER, A NAVY admiral appointed to the CIA post by President Carter, was to testify before a previously scheduled hearing of the Senate Intelligence Committee. The committee is beginning a series of hearings on budgets for intelligence agencies to determine what, if anything, can

be made public.

The Washington Post today reported the two employees were dismissed for providing assistance to a former agency operative allegedly selling explosive devices overseas.

The newspaper said the employees introduced Edwin P. Wilson, a former CIA agent now operating a Washington consulting business, to firms that supply the CIA with sensitive equipment.

American Electronic Laboratories of Colmar, Pa., provided Wilson 19 devices and received \$1,800 in what company officials thought was a regular CIA purchase, the newspaper said. Wilson could not have obtained the devices unless the firm believed the sale was to support CIA activities, the newspaper said.

Turner said acceptance of the employees' resignations was "in the best interests of the CIA."

"THEY DISPLAYED a lack of professionalism and judgment which in my view endangered our agency more than their future contribution could benefit it," Turner said.

"These two individuals were performing services which were not authorized by the CIA on behalf of friends who happen to be former CIA officers. This type of unauthorized activity cannot and will not be tolerated."

Turner said agency activities must be performed "under the strict control" of the agency director.

"In these two instances, I lost confidence in the individuals concerned and do not feel that strict control of the agency can be maintained had they been permitted to remain."